

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday – 4:00 & 5:30 p.m.

Brazilian Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Sunday – 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 N

Spanish Mass – 5:30 p.m.

Brazilian Mass – 7:30 p.m.

Weekdays

Monday through Saturday - 7:30 a.m.

Monday through Friday -12:10 Noon

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday - 11:00-11:30 a.m. & 3:00-3:45 p.m.

And by appointment

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married must begin to make arrangements at least 8 months prior to their wedding date by contacting the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Attendance at pre-Baptism class is required before the Sacrament is celebrated. Classes are held on the second Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please pre-register by calling 743-2707. Baptisms will take place every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. except the second Sunday of the month.

Saint Peter Church, Danbury, CT

PASTORAL STAFF – 203-743-2707

Rev. Gregg D. Mecca, Pastor

Rev. John Perez, Parochial Vicar

Rev. Paul Merry, Resident

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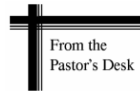
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AUGUST

23	SAT	4:00 PM	✠ Joseph Yorio
		5:30 PM	✠ Michael Heise
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
24	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Grace and Patrick Kearney and Ed Masten
		9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ Peter Tran and Anna Xuan Tran
		12:00 N	✠ Thomas O'Connor
		5:30 PM	Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
25	MON	<i>St. Louis of France and St. Joseph Calasanz, priest</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Ivan Dario Gomez
		12:10 N	✠ Kenneth Cyr
26	TUE	7:30 AM	✠ Lawrence J. Cardinal Sheehan
		12:10 N	✠ Souls in Purgatory
27	WED	<i>St. Monica</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Ivan Dario Gomez
		12:10 N	✠ John DaCunha
28	THU	<i>St. Augustine, bishop and doctor</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ William C. Lockett
		12:10 N	✠ Joseph Abeyta
29	FRI	<i>Martyrdom of John the Baptist</i>	
		7:30 AM	✠ Mrs. Holey
		12:10 N	✠ William Oliver and Margaret and Antonio Decensi
30	SAT	7:30 AM	✠ Rose Sankoorikal
		4:00 PM	✠ Dorothy Vitti
		5:30 PM	✠ Donald Weiland and Tara Nulty
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass
31	SUN	7:30 AM	✠ Mr. and Mrs. Americo Marcketti and Florence Drago
		9:00 AM	Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	✠ Ann Roberts
		12:00 N	✠ Samuel Canale
		5:30 PM	✠ Miguel e Isidoro Arevalo, Spanish Mass
		7:30 PM	Brazilian Mass

On the weekend, if the intention of the Mass is yours,
please see an usher about bringing up the gifts.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING – August 17, 2008 \$8,534

Our weekly goal:..... \$10,500

Thank you.

Father Mecca

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Joseph Conner, Jr. Aidan Matozzo

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Robert Becker and Mai Dinh
Orlando Almonte and Elizabeth Costa
Pierre Vendetti and Marlene Gonda
Eric Santiago and Elisa Nogueira
Michael McKernan and Tara Healy*

KINDLY REMEMBER THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Marion Aubin Jeannette Burdick Mary Christopher Lynn DiPasqua
Rev. Louis Dytkowski Michael Halpin Lorraine Kain Mary Leiss
Rev. Joseph Linck Diane Lopes Tony Murphy Nancy Paul
Michael Scapecchia Beverly Shimmer Isabella Valdiviezo Sue Valuzzo
Pat Waters Anthony Zarcone*

I wish to begin this week with an apology. I learned on Monday that a bookseller had installed himself in the vestibule last weekend claiming he had my permission. He did not, and I apologize for the intrusion. I remember the individual, if not his name. He repeatedly called last year asking for the opportunity to display Catholic prayer and spiritual books and Bibles. I put him off time and time again because, first, there was something about him that made me think him a bit odd, and second, his frequent calls annoyed me. I did give in and agreed to allow him to come one weekend last year. After seeing the relatively poor display of materials, I concluded then and there that he wouldn't come a second time, but I never heard from him again. It is grossly presumptuous of him to think because he was allowed to come last year that he can show up again and set up shop. Only as luck would have it was I not here. I miss very few weekends. (I was officiating at a wedding in Stowe, Vt.) Had I been here I would have sent him packing. I would be in favor of hosting a Catholic book fair, and the organization to do it is the Catholic Book Store in Hartford. I have their information on file. The Catholic Book Store does a far superior job. It has a travelling van that brings a variety of adult and children's books, music and religious articles to parishes, giving parishioners the opportunity to browse and shop after Mass. Donna Doutney, daughter of our parishioner, Angela Doutney, manages the store, knows her field, and is someone one can trust. I know of at least one occasion years ago when Donna was here. If there is sufficient interest, I would be glad to invite her to return.

Last weekend's episode is an illustration of the slew of people and organizations who call the rectory wanting time to sell things, distribute literature, or have a person come to speak. I'm the gatekeeper that keeps them at bay. Truly, I think if everyone who wants to have access to us at church came, there would hardly be a month when we wouldn't have someone at the door. This summer we had, as has been the longstanding custom, the Catholic War Veterans and the Dominican sisters who sold their pies and breads. Naturally, when giving thought to whom we allow to come, we first make time for the initiatives of our parish, those that come from the parish council, community concerns committee, the youth group and St. Peter-Sacred Heart School. We all believe that our worship and love of God needs to translate into positive action that sometimes means reaching out to others with material support. I'm equally certain that none of us wants a cause demanding our attention every time we come to Mass. Know that we do try not to overwhelm or impose too much on the parish, and we work to space everything out.

Having said this, what do we have going on this weekend? The food collection for the city's pantry. As you have read in previous bulletins, we have set aside the fourth weekend of each month for this purpose. Our response was excellent in July, a month conventional wisdom may have said would be a tough time to re-launch something. Thank you for the many back to school supplies you contributed over the course of the last two weekends. We delivered them this week to St. Peter-Sacred School and to Family and Children's Aid, Inc.

It is time to think more actively about our parish picnic on Sunday, September 14. You have seen the announcement in the bulletin throughout the summer. We ran it continuously so that as

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

parishioners came and went on vacation they would eventually see it. Beginning next weekend we will have tickets available after the Masses. We do tickets only in order to give us an approximate idea of the amount of food to have on hand. Like last year, we are charging \$5.00 per person and a maximum of \$20.00 per family. The picnic is not a fund raiser. We have a nominal ticket price intended only to help us defray some of the cost of the food, tents and bouncy castle. The men of the Men's Society will be at the grills cooking up hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and sausage. As has been the tradition, you bring a side dish. Many of us will agree that one of the great pleasures of the picnic is sampling the tasty side dishes. Dessert and drinks will be provided. The picnic will be held on the playground behind the rectory. We tried that for the first time last year and the response we received was to do it again here. We had a great turn out last year, and the weather was beautiful—like this week's weather, as a matter of fact. I hope many of us will come on the 14th. The picnic allows us the opportunity to relax, mingle and talk in a way we don't have time to after Mass.

To all our students returning to school or going off to college for the first time this week, we extend best wishes for a very good year. The opening school Mass for St. Peter-Sacred Heart will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Thursday, September 4 at 9:15 a.m. Any one is welcome to come and pray for the students and faculty and for the success of the school.

Enjoy the last unofficial week of summer! Fr. Mecca

Please remember St. Peter Parish when preparing your will. A legacy to the church eases your tax burden and helps continue the good works of our parish.



We offer our condolences to the family of

Marie Cosentino

who passed away last week.

*****SAINT PETER RELIGIOUS EDUCATION*****

Time to Register for fall classes 2008-09

Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 28th 10:15 a.m. in the school.

NEW students: You may download forms on the parish website, or pick them up in the back of the church, or in the Religious Education office—please call first: 743-1048.

Returning Students: Forms were sent home with the children last May.

Remember!! **After September 1st late fee of \$15 will apply.**

If you need a form you can download it from the parish website or pick one up in the back of the church.

9th Grade Confirmation Students---Retreat Date: Saturday, Sept. 13th 10 am in the parish hall. Exam will be given at 10 am and the retreat includes lunch, and also the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ends with mass at 4 PM. Attendance is mandatory for all those preparing to be confirmed on October 23, 2008. All service hours and forms are due the day of the retreat.

Catechist Meeting---We will have our first meeting for the 2008-09 school year on **Thursday evening, September 4th at 7 p.m.** in the school lunchroom.

Catechist Sunday is September 21---All catechists and assistants who have volunteered to serve in this important ministry will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 9 a.m. Mass.

New Catechists needed---We are now accepting applications for new catechists and assistants. Please call the Rel. Ed office to schedule an interview (743-1048). You are welcome to come to our meeting on Thursday, Sept. 4th in the school lunchroom at 7 p.m..

First Communion Videos---DVD's and Videos of the First Communion Masses last spring may be picked up in the Religious Education office; please call first: 743-1048

SAINT PETER-SACRED HEART SCHOOL	
Tuition 2008-2009	
Pre K-3 and Pre K-4	
Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	\$3,800
Monday, Wednesday and Friday	\$3,240
Tuesday and Thursday	\$2,160
Assessment	\$400
Kindergarten – Grade 8	
1 Student	\$3,650
2 Students	\$6,388
3 Students	\$8,450
Non-Catholic (per student)	\$4,500
Assessment	\$400
Registration Fee Per Family	\$75
Before/After Care:	\$10.00 per hour
	\$12.00 per hour per family
COME JOIN OUR TEAM!	
Sincerely your, Mrs. Mary T. McCormack, Principal	

*****PARISH EVENTS*****

Women's Guild---will hold its Installation Dinner on **Tuesday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at the Maron Hotel**, 42 Lake Avenue Ext., Danbury. The meal choices are: Baked Chicken Breast Stuffed w/Spinach, Sun Dried Tomatoes and Goat Cheese; Coconut-Almond Crusted Salmon; Marinated Grilled Sliced Flank Steak w/Mushrooms; and Plain Roasted Chicken w/ vegetables and Rice. Coffee, Tea, and Dessert are included. The cost is \$30.00. Please call the Rectory if you plan to attend.



Collection for St. James' Church Food Pantry is this weekend August 23 and 24. Suggested donations are canned fruits, cereal, juices, macaroni and cheese, pasta and spaghetti sauce, paper products peanut butter, soups, sugar, and tea, and tuna. Please leave your contribution in St. Peter Church vestibule on the confessional side. Community Concerns thanks you for your support.

AUGUST 24, 2008

Parish Picnic...



**Sunday, September 14 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
On the Rectory Grounds**

Once again there will be a charge of \$5.00 per person (no more than \$20.00 per family) to defray the cost of the tent. Chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, beverages and desserts will be supplied. You just need to bring a side dish (potato salad, baked beans, macaroni salad, etc.).

COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the normative way in which non-Catholics - those un-baptized as well as those baptized into other Christian denominations - enter the Church. It is also the way baptized Catholics who never received any catechesis and didn't received Eucharist and Confirmation complete their Sacraments of Initiation. If you or someone you know has not received the Sacraments of Initiation that is to say, Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and wish to be a "full member of the Church," call the rectory (743-2707) with your name. We will get back to you.

Community Concerns Committee---will meet next Tuesday, September 3 at 7:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in helping in our community, please join us Tuesday.

VISOS - COMUNIDADE BRASILEIRA

MISSAS

Todos os sábados às 7:30pm e aos domingos às 7:30pm.

CONVIVIO

A Comunidade Brasileira se reúne todos os sábados após a missa no Centro Pastoral Brasileiro, 61 Liberty Street, para jantarmos e socializarmos. Venha participar conosco.

CASAMENTOS

Os Noivos devem procurar o Sacerdote na Secretaria Paroquial, à 61 Liberty Street, 6 meses antes do casamento com certidões de Batismo e de Crisma. A data depende da disponibilidade da Igreja.

PASTORAL DO DIZIMO

Recordamos aos irmãos que o DIZIMO é também um Mandamento e tem duas dimensões importantes, entre outras: **A PRIMEIRA:** é ato de amor, fé, confiança e gratidão para com Deus; **A SEGUNDA:** é ato de generosidade para com Deus e para com a comunidade.

GRUPO DE ORAÇÃO CARISMÁTICO - Todas as terças feiras na Igreja às 7:30 p.m. inciando-se com a oração do Terço.

GRUPO DE JOVENS ÁGAPE

Recordamos a tantos jovens da nossa Comunidade que, todo domingo às 5:30 p.m. acontecem, no Centro Pastoral, as reuniões.

AUGUST 24, 2008

Información Hispana!

Intenciones de las Misas: Los Domingos a la entrada de la Iglesia a las 5:15 pm

Los Videos de las Primeras Comuniones estan en la oficina de la parroquia, por favor pasar a recogerlos.

Atención Catequistas: la reunion de los Catequistas será el Jueves 4 de Septiembre a las 7 de la noche en el Basement de la Escuela.

Atención: se necesitan nuevos Catequistas que sean bilingues para la Catequesis de los niños en ingles los Domingos en la mañana.

Grupo de oración en San Pedro todos los Lunes a las 7:00 pm en la Iglesia. Todos estan cordialmente invitados. El Señor Jesus los espera!

Clases pre-bautismales:

Los interesados en Bautizar a sus hijos deben estar registrados en la parroquia por lo menos por tres meses y deben ver al Padre John Pérez antes de recibir las clases y los padrinos deben ser casados por la Iglesia Catolica y deben presentar el Certificado del Matrimonio al Sacerdote. Dios los bendiga a todos. Los bautismos seran programados solo los Sábados a la 12:00 M por motivos de conflictos serán programados a otra hora. Gracias

La registración para el programa de CCD o instrucción religiosa para la preparación de los niños para Primera Comunión y Confirmación se estan llevando a cabo en las oficinas de la parroquia de St. Peter y la de CCD en la Escuela de St Peter, para mayor información favor comunicarse con la secretaria de San Peter Church. Ahora inscripciones en la Iglesia despues de la Misa.

El programa de RCIA o educación Religiosa para los adultos: para recibir los Sacramentos de Iniciación (Bautismo, Primera Comunión y confirmación) en la Iglesia Católica. Las clases comenzarán en Septiembre en la parroquia. Las edades desde 13 años en adelante incluyendo adultos. Información con el Padre Perez. Ahora inscripciones despues de la Misa.

Grupo de Jovenes: La comunidad Hispana de Sanrta Maria esta invitando a todos los Jovenes a que formen parte del grupo Juvenil que se esta llevando a cabo en el Centro Parroquial (Basement de la Iglesia) todos los Domingos inmediatamente despues de la Misa. Padres apoyen a sus hijos para que estos aprendan a caminar con el Señor Jesus. El grupo esta en Vacaciones de Verano.

Curso de Estudio Bíblico

Este Domingo Julio 6 comenzamos el grupo de estudio Bíblico para todas las personas interesadas en tomarlo. El curso se lleva a cabo en el Basement de la Iglesia y es de 4 a 5 de la tarde. Todos estan invitados a conocer mas de Nuestra Iglesia Católica a la que pertenecemos y a conocer al Dios que amamos y nos ama. Esperamos nos acompañen en este nuevo evento. Gracias.

Dios los Bendiga.

